

Remarks

These Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2004.

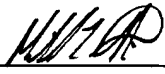
Claims 1-28 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. In the current Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that Claims 1-28 are subject to restriction in accordance with 23 species.

Applicants elect, with traverse, Species 22. Applicants submit that at least Claims 1-14, 20-21, and 23-24 are directed to the species indicated. Please withdraw Claims 15-19, 22, and 25-28. Applicants will seek to pursue Claims 15-19, 22, and 25-28 in divisional applications.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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